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Attention: Federal Resources Office, Room 3500  
For Ross A. Chittenden, Division of Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: Non-MPO 2004/05-2006/07 FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 17

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of Amendment Number 17 to the non-Metropolitan Planning Organization (Non-MPO) portion of the 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated December 16, 2005. As proposed, this amendment:

- Increases the funding programmed for the grouped project listing for Recreational Trail projects in the non-MPO portion of the State including \$170,052 and \$32,460 respectively for: the proposed *ATV Safety and Environmental Education* project, and a new *Safety Training and Environmental Awareness Education Program for Snowmobilers*.
- Increases the funding programmed for the Eureka Intermodal Depot in the grouped project listing providing for the purchase of replacement buses and capital assistance for bus related equipment and facilities. Based on our discussions with Caltrans staff regarding the impact of the availability of these FTA 5309 funds on the project listing, we are approving the modification of this project listing to add \$292,000 of FTA 5309 funds in the current (e.g. 2005/06) FSTIP program year. As a consequence of this approval, the FSTIP listing information for this project must be revised to increase the amount of FTA 5309 funding in year 2005/06 by \$292,000 and to reduce the same source of funds listed in program years 2006/07 and 2007/08 by \$148,000 and \$144,000 respectively.
- Creates a new individual project listing for the Skyline South multi-use pathway in Susanville from Bizz Johnson Trail to State Route 36, and programs \$50,000 of Transportation Enhancement funds in program year 2005/06 for the preliminary engineering phase of the project.



- Modifies the State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) Roadway Preservation grouped project listing to increase funding in program year 2004/05 by \$230,000 for the Schooner Gulch project in Mendocino County.

Your letter indicated that this amendment modifies the FSTIP grouped project listing for SHOPP Bridge Preservation projects to reflect a delay in the proposed obligation of funds for the Greenwood Creek Bridge project for FY 2004/05 to 2006/07. Our review of the submitted amendment and supporting information indicates that the FSTIP project listing information related to this change was not included with your approval request. Further, our review of the CTIPS data related to the grouped listing of SHOPP Bridge Preservation projects indicates that the modifications identified in your letter for this grouped listing were approved by the State as FSTIP Administrative Amendment No. 16 on November 18, 2005. Therefore, we are approving this amendment without action on the changes to the SHOPP Bridge Preservation project listing that are detailed in your December 16, 2005 letter.

The enclosure to your December 16, 2005, letter to the FHWA and the FTA included information related to modifications to the FSTIP grouped listing for SHOPP Collision Reduction projects. However, the State's letter requesting FHWA and FTA approval for Amendment No. 17 does not indicate that approval is being sought for the SHOPP Collision Reduction project listing modifications described in the enclosure to your letter. Therefore, based on our discussions with Caltrans Federal Programming staff that indicate these modifications were withdrawn from the amendment request, we are approving this amendment without action on the changes to the SHOPP Bridge Preservation project listing that are detailed in the enclosure to your December 16, 2005 letter.

We accept this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that the amended FSTIP is based on a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process and was developed in accord with the statewide planning provisions of 23 USC 135. The changes proposed to the FSTIP by this amendment are associated with projects proposed for implementation in those areas of the State of California that are designated as attainment or unclassified for Federal air quality standards and, as a consequence, is not subject to the requirement that an air quality conformity determination be made. These findings have been coordinated with the Region IX office of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) pursuant to the amendment approval procedures outlined in the *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX, dated July 15, 2005*.

As the results of our review of the documentation provided with FSTIP Amendment No. 17, we offer the following general comments for the Department's use and information in preparing future amendments to California's FSTIP:

Classification of Grouped Projects: The description and comments included with the FSTIP documentation provided for those projects grouped under CTIPS ID Nos. 230-0000-0073, 230-0000-0069, and 230-0000-0065 incorrectly reference the Federal transportation conformity

regulations classifications in 40 CFR Part 93 (Tables 2 and 3) as the classification basis for the grouping of these projects. Pursuant to 23 CFR 450.216(b) in those non-metropolitan planning organization areas of the State that are classified as attainment for air quality standards, the appropriate classifications for grouping projects in the FSTIP are found at 23 CFR part 771. We recommend the project description be revised to reflect the appropriate 23 CFR part 771 classifications for the grouping of these projects.

CTIPS Change Reason: We note that the change reason listed in CTIPS for the modifications to the grouped listing for the FTA 5309 Program indicates this is a "new project." We recommend that use of the CTIPS "New Project" designation in the CTIPS database "Change Reason" field be limited to modifications that add a new line item for a project or group of projects added to the FSTIP. Accordingly, we encourage that an appropriate change reason, other than "new project," be used when amending an existing individual or grouped project listing in the FSTIP.

Documentation of Financial Constraint: We remind Caltrans that the Federal Planning and Programming Regulations require a financial plan that demonstrates financial constraint when the FSTIP is adopted or amended. Because this amendment increases the revenues committed to projects in the FSTIP by \$937,000, further documentation demonstrating that the additional funding that is committed by this amendment is available or reasonably available should have been provided to FHWA and FTA concurrently with the request to amend the project listings and proposed funding in the FSTIP.

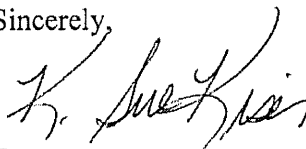
Programming funds in prior years of the FSTIP: We remind Caltrans programming staff that the Federal Planning and Programming regulations (23 CFR 450.216(a)(8)) require that the projects listed in the STIP include the amount of Federal funds proposed to be obligated during each program year. This amendment proposes to list additional Federal project funding in the previous year (Year 1 or 2004/05) of the FSTIP. Since these added funds cannot be obligated in the year listed (program year 2004/05) it would be more appropriate and desirable to list these funds in the second (i.e. 2005/06) or third (i.e. 2006/07) year of the current TIP.

This letter constitutes joint FHWA and FTA approval for the inclusion of Amendment Number 17 for the non-urbanized areas of the State into California's 2004/05-2006/07 FSTIP.

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

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Sincerely,



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